

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  YOSHIKI SATO  Serial No.: 10/561,166  Filed: DECEMBER 16, 2005  For: PRESSURE MUSCLE STRENGTH INCREASING APPARATUS, CONTROL DEVICE, AND METHOD BEING CARRIED OUT BY CONTROL DEVICE	Confirmation No. 1999  Art Unit: 3764  Examiner: MATHEW, FENN C.
---	--

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record in the above-identified application the document or documents referenced on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non U.S. reference is enclosed herewith. Further, the undersigned hereby certifies that:

- ☒ each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. The cited references are mentioned in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of applicant's corresponding European patent application and are believed relevant for at least that reason.; or
- ☐ no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign

application, and to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of any action that closes prosecution in the present application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper. However, should such an action have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and charge the requisite fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-2613 under Order No. SUZ0025-US (71796-04601) and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that each reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This submission does not represent that any referenced document is material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that one or more of the referenced documents constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the reference or references.

Serial No.: 10/561,166  
Art Unit: 3764  
Inventor: Yoshiaki SATO

Attorney's Docket No.: SUZ0025-US  
Page 3

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any referenced document, should it be applied against the claims of the present application.

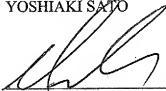
PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP  
875 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
Tel: 202/551-1700

Respectfully submitted,

YOSHIAKI SATO

Date: April 20, 2009

By:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Bednarek  
Registration No. 32,329

MB/ggb

Customer No. 36183